

**Forest Land- Chadrapur**

**Diversion of 121.58 ha of forest land for  
Durgapur Deep Extn. Open Cast Mine in  
favour of Western Coalfield Limited in Dist.  
Chandrapur, in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra**

**Revenue and Forest Department**

**Government Order No.FLD-3613/C.R.251/F-10**

Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.

Date:- 26.09.2023.

**Reference:-**

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I.I.D 12159/117/13-14, dt.20.04.2013.
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-3613/CR-251/F-10, dt. 12.08.2014.
- 3) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter F. No. 8-84/2014-FC, dt. 16.12.2015.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I.ID-12159/1473/17-18, dt.20.09.2017.  
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I.ID-12159/2425/18-19, dt.27.03.2019.  
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I.ID-11327/1018/18-19, dt.12.01.2021.  
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/RS-I.ID-12159/655/20-21, dt.29.07.2021.  
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/12159/294/21-22, dt.20.10.2021.
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter F. No. 8-84/2014-FC, dt. 22.12.2021.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/ Chandrapur/ID-12159/2672/21-22, dt.10.03.2022.  
Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-6602/Chandrapur/23-24/1761, dt.06.09.2023.

**Order:-**

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 121.58 ha Forest land for opencast mining of Durgapur Deep Extension OCP OF M/S. Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 121.58 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the of 121.58 ha Forest land in favour of Western Coalfield Limited, Chandrapur Area in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra for Durgapur Deep Extn. Open Cast Mine in District-Chandrapur under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 121.58 ha consisting of Zudpi Jungle & Reserve Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Area General Manager, Western Coalfield Limited, Chandrapur Area, for Durgapur Deep Extn. Open Cast Mine in District-Chandrapur.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 16.12.2015 and dated 22.12.2021 of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The Deputy Conservator of Forests shall verify the validity of the mining lease/applicability of provisions of the CBA (A & D) Act, 1957 for the said area, before giving actual possession and ensure that mining lease period has not been changed during the process of obtaining the Forest Clearance.
2. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, referred above. The Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi letters dated 16.12.2015 and dated 22.12.2021, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur shall report through the State Government to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 .

**SCHEDULE**

Item of work/purpose	Name of Village	Survey/ Gut No	Compt No.	Area in Ha.	Legal Status of land
Coal Mining purpose of Durgapur Extension (Deep) Opencast Project	Sinhala, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur	261/1	-	6.18	Zudpi Jungle
			400	59.20	Reserve Forest
			401	54.26	Reserve Forest
			402	1.94	Reserve Forest
Total Forest land (in ha.)				121.58	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**

**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy:**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife, Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
6. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
8. Collector, Chandrapur.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur
11. Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur
12. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur
13. Area General Manager, Western Coalfield Limited, Chandrapur Area, Dist. Chandrapur.
14. Select File F-10.

I. Collector- Chandrapur and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local

Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Area General Manager, Western Coalfield Limited, Chandrapur Area, Chandrapur, is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.